

Topic :- LINEAR INEQUALITIES

1 (b)

Using AM \geq GM

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} \dots (i)$$

Again, using AM \geq GM

$$\frac{a+b}{2} \geq \sqrt{ab}, \frac{b+c}{2} \geq \sqrt{bc}, \frac{c+a}{2} \geq \sqrt{ca}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \geq 8abc$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{\frac{abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

\therefore From Eq. (i)

$$\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

82 (a)

Two curves $y = e^{|x|}$ and $y = |x|$ does not intersect. So, the equation $e^{|x|} - |x| = 0$ has no solution

3 (b)

$$|p - q| = \begin{cases} p - q, p \geq q \\ q - p, p < q \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \min(p, q) = \begin{cases} p, p < q \\ q, q < p \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{RHS} = \frac{1}{2}(p + q - |p - q|), \text{if } p > q$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(p + q - p + q) = q$$

and LHS $\min(p, q) = q$

$$\therefore \min(p, q) = \frac{1}{2}(p + q - |p - q|)$$

84 (a)

The given equation is

$$\begin{aligned}
1 + |e^x - 1| &= e^x(e^x - 2) \\
\Rightarrow |e^x - 1| + 2 &= (e^x - 1)^2 \\
\Rightarrow |e^x - 1|^2 - (e^x - 1) - 2 &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow (|e^x - 1| - 2)(|e^x - 1| + 1) &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow |e^x - 1| - 2 = 0 \quad [\because |e^x - 1| + 1 \neq 0] \\
\Rightarrow e^x - 1 = \pm 2 \Rightarrow e^x &= 3, -1 \\
\Rightarrow e^x = 3 \Rightarrow x = \log_e 3 \quad [\because e^x > 0 \text{ for all } x]
\end{aligned}$$

5 (c)

We have,

$$\log_{\sin \frac{2\pi}{3}}(x^2 - 3x + 2) \geq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 - 3x + 2) \leq \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 \text{ and } x^2 - 3x + 2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 12x + 5 \leq 0 \text{ and } x^2 - 3x + 2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2x - 1)(2x - 5) \leq 0 \text{ and } (x - 1)(x - 2) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{5}{2} \text{ and } x < 1 \text{ or } x > 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [1/2, 1) \cup (2, 5/2]$$

6 (c)

$$\text{We have, } x^2 + 6x - 27 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 9)(x - 3) > 0 \Rightarrow x < -9 \text{ or } x > 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -9) \cup (3, \infty) \dots (i)$$

$$\text{And } x^2 - 3x - 4 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 4)(x + 1) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 < x < 4 \dots (ii)$$

From relations (i) and (ii), we get

$$3 < x < 4$$

7 (d)

We have,

$$\frac{1}{2}\{(x + y) + |x - y|\} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\{(x + y) + |x - y|\} = \frac{1}{2}\{(x + y) + (x - y)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x - y| = x - y \Rightarrow x \geq y$$

8 (c)

$$\text{Given, } \frac{4x - 1}{3x + 1} - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x - 2}{3x + 1} \geq 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow x - 2 \geq 0 \text{ and } 3x + 1 > 0$$

$$\text{Or } x - 2 \leq 0 \text{ and } 3x + 1 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 2 \text{ and } x < -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Or } x \leq 2 \text{ and } x > -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{3}\right) \cup [2, \infty)$$

9 (c)

Given inequality holds only, if

$$\sin^2 \alpha_i = 1 \text{ or } \alpha_i = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}; \quad (i = 2, 3, \dots, n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Number of solutions} = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times \dots \times (n - 1) \text{ times}$$

$$= 3^{n-1}$$

10 (b)

We have, $e^x = x(x + 1), x < 0$

Consider the curves $y = e^x$ and $y = x(x + 1)$ for $x < 0$. Graphs of these two curve intersect at exactly one point. So, the equation $e^x = x(x + 1)$ has exactly one real root

11 (b)

Draw graphs of $y = 1 - x + [x]$ and $y = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{[x]}$

These two curves intersect it infinitely many points

12 (d)

We have, $2^x + 2^{|x|} \geq 2\sqrt{2}$

Following cases arise:

CASE I When $x \geq 0$

In this case, we have

$$2^x + 2^x \geq 2\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow 2^x \geq 2^{1/2} \Rightarrow x \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$$

CASE II When $x < 0$

In this case, we have

$$2^x + 2^{-x} \geq 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^x)^2 - 2\sqrt{2} \times 2^x + 1 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^x - \sqrt{2})^2 - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^x - \sqrt{2} - 1)(2^x - \sqrt{2} + 1) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^x \leq \sqrt{2} - 1 \text{ or } 2^x \geq \sqrt{2} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq \log_2(\sqrt{2} - 1) \text{ or } x \geq \log_2(\sqrt{2} + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq \log_2(\sqrt{2} - 1) \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, \log_2(\sqrt{2} - 1))$$

$$\text{Hence, } x \in (-\infty, \log_2(\sqrt{2} - 1)) \cup [1/2, \infty)$$

13 (c)

$$\sin^4 \frac{x}{3} + \cos^4 \frac{x}{3} > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \frac{2x}{3} > \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \frac{2x}{3} < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{2x}{3} \in \left(R - (2n+1) \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in R - \left(\frac{3n\pi}{2} + \frac{3\pi}{4} \right); n \in I$$

14 (a)

We have,

$$(\log_5 x)^2 + (\log_5 x) < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_5 x)^2 + (\log_5 x) - 2 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_5 x + 2)(\log_5 x - 1) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 < \log_5 x < 1 \Rightarrow 5^{-1} < x < 5 \Rightarrow x \in \left(\frac{1}{25}, 5 \right)$$

16 (d)

$$\because \sin x + 2\sqrt{2} \cos x \geq (\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x + 2\sqrt{2} \cos x \geq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \left(x + \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3} \right) \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \left(x + \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3} \right) = 1 \quad (\because \sin x \text{ cannot be greater than } 1)$$

$$\therefore x = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{2} - \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$$

For solution in the interval $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$, $n = 0, 1, -1, -2$

17 (c)

$$x^{(\log_{10} x)^2 - 3 \log_{10} x + 1} > 1000 = 10^3$$

$$\Rightarrow [(\log_{10} x)^2 - 3 \log_{10} x + 1] \log_{10} x > 3 \log_{10} 10 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_{10} x)^3 - 3(\log_{10} x)^2 + \log_{10} x > 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_{10} x)(\log_{10} x - 3) + 1(\log_{10} x - 3) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_{10} x - 3)(\log_{10} x + 1) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10} x - 3 > 0 \Rightarrow \log_{10} x > 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 10^3 = 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (1000, \infty)$$

18 (d)

$x^{12} - x^9 + x^4 - x + 1 > 0$, three cases arise

Case I When $x \leq 0$

$x^{12} > 0, -x^9 > 0, x^4 > 0, -x > 0$

$\Rightarrow x^{12} - x^9 + x^4 - x + 1 > 0, \forall x \leq 0 \dots (i)$

Case II When $0 < x \leq 1$

$x^9 < x^4, x < 1 \Rightarrow -x^9 + x^4 > 0$ and $1 - x > 0$

$\therefore x^{12} - x^9 + x^4 - x + 1 > 0, \forall 0 < x \leq 1 \dots (ii)$

Case III When $x > 1$

$x^{12} > x^9, x^4 > x$

$\Rightarrow x^{12} - x^9 + x^4 - x + 1 > 0, \forall x > 1 \dots (iii)$

\therefore From Eqs. (i), (ii) and (iii) the above equation hold for $x \in R$

20 (a)

We have,

$$\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x-1} = \sqrt{4x-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 + x-1 - 2\sqrt{x^2-1} = 4x-1$$

$$\Rightarrow -2\sqrt{x^2-1} = 2x-1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(x^2-1) = 4x^2 - 4x + 1 \Rightarrow 4x - 5 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{4}$$

This value of x does not satisfy the given equation. So, the equation has no solution

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ANSWER-KEY

Q.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A.	B	A	B	A	C	C	D	C	C	B
Q.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A.	B	D	C	A	D	D	C	D	D	A

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